

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-John Kerry documentary days before the Presidential election is a flagrant example of the dangers of media consolidation and the stupidity shown in the recent past with the abolition of the Fairness Doctrine.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership anti-concentration of control rules, rather than weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.
Sincerely,
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